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Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04185.0005-09000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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David F. CARMICHAEL et al. )  
)  
Serial No.: 09/987,357 ) Group Art Unit: 1636  
)  
Filed: November 14, 2001 ) Examiner: G. Leffers, Jr.  
)  
For: HUMAN COLLAGENASE )  
INHIBITOR, RECOMBINANT )  
VECTOR SYSTEM FOR )  
USING SAME AND )  
RECOMBINANT DNA )  
METHOD FOR THE )  
MANUFACTURE OF SAME )

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE**

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2002. The period for reply has been extended three months by the Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I, claims 25 and 26, allegedly drawn to a purified collagenase inhibitor protein; and

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Group II, claims 27-42, allegedly drawn to vectors encoding a collagenase inhibitor protein, host cells comprising the vectors, and methods of producing a collagenase inhibitor protein.

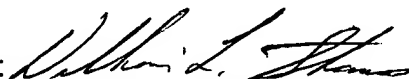
Applicants elect Group I, claims 25 and 26.

Please grant any extension of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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